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ABSTRACT

This book outlines some of the current problems faced by higher education in Germany. The first chapter describes the development of higher education and the changes in this system over time, with an emphasis on the development of higher education in the two Germanys before reunification and some comments on developments since reunification. Chapter 2 discusses the various types of institutions, universities and technical universities, colleges for higher professional training, distance universities, and special institutions--and their mission and goals. It also includes a section on the role of research institutions and universities in conducting and supporting research since reunification. Chapter 3 examines issues related to the administration and finance of higher education in Germany. Chapter 4 focuses on student demographic characteristics, admission requirements, the two paths of study available in higher education, student financial aid, and employment prospects of graduates. Chapter 5 reviews teacher education programs in Germany, and chapter 6 examines unresolved issues and a variety of proposed reforms for German higher education. (Contains 21 references.) (WD)

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